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## CQ WW 160 m band segment violations

IARU Region 1 President Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, draws attention to the problem of some amateur radio operators in the CQ WW 160 Metre SSB contest operating outside the Amateur band.

On the IARU Region 1 website he writes, "It was disappointing to notice that numerous contest stations from Region 1 violated their national regulations by transmitting out of band during last weekend's CQ World Wide 160 Metre SSB Contest. While I can have some understanding that the IARU bandplan for top band is not followed during this major contest, I totally disagree that contest stations transmit outside bands allocated to the amateur service. For a station transmitting on LSB on 160 metres this is below 1813 kHz (for transceivers with carrier readout).

The amateur service has always been known as a self-regulating service, which has helped us in our negotiations with administrations.

A behaviour as shown last weekend will certainly not help us in the future. I call upon all testers to reinstate our values."

Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, IARU Region 1 President

## SARL VHF/UHF Contests

The first leg of the SARL VHF/UHF Contests is scheduled for the weekend of 19 to 21 February 2010. There are two contests running during the weekend.

The VHF/UHF Digital contest is made up of two sessions. Session 1 - Friday 19 March 16:00 UTC to Saturday 20 March 12:59 UTC and Session 2 - Saturday 20 March 13:00 UTC to Sunday 21 March 12:00 UTC.

The VHF/UHF Analogue contest takes place from Saturday 20 March 10:00 UTC to Sunday 21 March 10:00 UTC.

The following frequency bands may be used - 50 to 51,5 MHz; 70 to 70,300 MHz; 144 to 145,55 MHz; 432 to 433,6 MHz; 1296 to 1296,5 MHz and higher frequencies as per band plan.

Digital contest - the exchange will consist of a call sign and grid square (6 digits). Signal reports are not required.

Analogue - the exchange consists of the call signs, signal report and six-digit grid locator.

In addition, the most important - Read the 2010 SARL Contest Manual.

## The QSL Card Story

In response to the 'Delayed QSL Card' story in the previous issue of HF Happenings, I received an e-mail from my good friends Jimmy, ZS6APS, and Pam, ZS6APT.

'Hi Dennis, I was reading your HF Happenings No 395 where you spoke about the delayed QSL card for 25 years, and it reminded me of something else to do with a QSL card which you might find interesting.



While browsing around on the SARL forum a little while ago I came across an item placed by Mark Wilson, ZS4D, on the 5th January 2010 as follows:

"Recently I came across the family of Silent Key L. Rijkers who passed recently at the age of 90. His call was ZS2JI. They gave me a box of old QSL cards, most dating from the very early 50's and some of the pictures, design and artwork are absolutely beautiful. If anyone has a direct biological or personal nostalgic reason for wanting any that I list, please contact me and I will see about getting it to you.

The list - VQ4BM, VQ3BM, NL871, W6JZJ, ZS2GU, LU1HAC, CR7LU, CR6CZ, ZS2CH, ZS6KO, ZS5NZ, ZS5LZ, VQ2GW, ZS1OA, ZS6AJQ, ZS6AFJ, ZS5PL, ZS6AJT, ZS1OU, PY1MV, YU1AG, ZS6RB, ZS1NK, ZS1OF, ZS6QY, FQ8AP, W6VUN, ZS6AJH, ZS6WJ, ZS2JC, ZE5JJ, ZE4JC, ZS6AKS, ZS2FR, ZS1OF, ZS2HU, ZS4EX and VQ2GW.

Seeing one card describing a 6V6-6L6 13 watt home brew with an NC46 receiver truly makes me wish there was a known practical way to go back in time.

73 de Mark, ZS4D / KC6CTU"

As ZS6AJH, now ZS6AK, OM Mannie de Beer is a member of our club, we thought we would do something special for him, and requested the card from Mark.

The card is made out to ZS2JI confirming a CW contact on 40 metres dated 22nd February 1954. Mannie was using an NC100 Receiver, and Xmtr was a VFO 6AG7 and an 807 final, power 20 watts. Antenna was a folded dipole. Mannie was living in Hercules, Pretoria at the time.

This would make this particular card 56 years old. We have had the card laminated, and it will be presented to Mannie at the next club meeting on the 13th March 2010 as I think this is something very special, and it will be a great surprise to Mannie.

Mannie, who is now almost 80, is still very active on SSB, especially on 40 metres, working DX early mornings, still playing around with antennas on his plot east of Pretoria, and enjoying the hobby as he always has.

Hope you find this interesting.

Thanks Dennis for your HF Happenings, always look forward to getting them.

73 and 88, Jimmy, ZS6APS, and Pam, ZS6APT (Chairman Centurion Radio Amateur Club)

*Jimmy and Pam, thanks for the story about the ZS6AJH QSL card and I am sure Mannie will be surprised to receive that card back. A word of thanks to Mark for providing the information about the QSL cards.*

*I often see QSL cards in some of the philatelic exchange booklets I receive. I have bought a few and returned them to the call sign holder.*

## ***DXCC News***

The DXCC Desk reports that the 3V3S, Tunisia, 2009 operation and D2CQ, Angola, current operation, have been approved for DXCC credit. [Thanks, Tjerk, ZS6P]

## ***Rule change to the Worked All ZS program***

The sequential numbering of certificates serves an important function as it denotes who was first, second etc. to reach a certain level of achievement but at present, it no longer serves this purpose as a flood of requests for meaningless endorsements keeps on streaming in.





A change to the rules has been made and the sentence "Specific mode and/or band endorsements can be requested" has been changed to "Specific mode or band endorsements can be requested."

In effect this means that requests for WAZS SSB, WAZS CW, WAZS Mixed or WAZS 7 MHz, etc., at the various levels will be entertained but endorsements such as 7 MHz CW or 7 MHz SSB will no longer be issued.

Tjerk, ZS6P, the SARL Awards Manager, wishes to thank you all for the magnificent support you have given to the WAZS program.

### *Awards*

The Tassie Trout Award is awarded for "kilograms of trout" or points from contacts made with Central Highlands Amateur Radio Club of Tasmania members.

The Club call sign gains you 3 kg of trout, the President 2 kg, etc. Once you have 14 kg of trout you can claim the basic award, 25 kg - the gold award and 50 kg - the platinum award.  
<http://www.qsl.net/charct/award.htm>

### *RSGB secures the use of short form contest calls*

Following long and detailed discussions with the Radio Society of Great Britain, OFCOM have announced the availability of special short form contest call signs for certain amateur full and reciprocal licensees. The call sign will consist of G or M, a regional locator if applicable, a chosen digit and a chosen suffix letter. For example, G8Z or GW8Z.

### *DX from Africa*

Morocco, CN. IK7JWX (5C2J), I8LWL (5C2L), IK2PZC (5C2P), IK2GPQ (5C2Q), IZ7ATN (5C2SG), IK2DUW (5C2W) and IK8GPY (5C2Y) will be active from Essaouira and Agadir, Morocco between 16 and 23 March. QSL via the operator's instructions.

Madeira, CT9. Rosel, DL3KWR, and Hardy, DL3KWF, will be active as CT9/DL3KWR and CT9/DL3KWF from Madeira (IOTA AF-014) from 11 to 25 March. They plan to operate mostly CW on 12, 17 and 30 metres. Hardy will also give RTTY and PSK-31 a try. QSL via home calls. E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to [dl3kwr@darc.de](mailto:dl3kwr@darc.de) or [dl3kwf@darc.de](mailto:dl3kwf@darc.de) respectively. Their web site is at <http://www.mydarc.de/dl3kwr>

Canary Islands, EA8. Andrew, G7COD will be active as EA8/G7COD from Gran Canaria (IOTA AF-004) from 20 - 28 March. He plans to operate SSB and CW on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

Reunion Island, FR. Stephane, F5UOW, will once again be on holiday and active from Reunion Island (IOTA AF-016) between 9 April and 2 May. He will also be using the same call sign as last time, FR/F5UOW, but only between 9 and 17 April, and activity will be only on 20 meters. He will then move to another QTH where he will use the call sign TO2R and will be active on 80 - 10 meters, mostly on CW. QSL via his home call sign, direct or by the Bureau.

Tunisia, 3V. IK7JWX and other operators, I8LWL, IC8ATA, IK2DUW, IK2GPQ, IK2PZC, IK8BPY, IK8GQY, IS0AGY, IW2NLC, IZ2GRG and IZ7ATN, will be active as TS8P and TS8P/p from the islands of Djerba (AF-083) and Kuriat (AF-092) between 27 April and 4 May. They expect to operate SSB, CW, PSK31 and RTTY on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via IK7JWX.





## Club Log

Club Log, [www.clublog.org](http://www.clublog.org), is a web-based application that uses a large database to analyse amateur radio log files uploaded by users all over the world. It offers band-mode league tables, efficient log search tools, analysis for DXpedition planning purposes and most wanted lists for DXCC entities (including by date, band or mode for example). Club Log can provide empirical propagation charts, and give back to its users the ability to find "wanted" DX spots, identify QSLing gaps and perform other analysis of their logs, which might be hard to do with normal logging software.

As of 5 March 2010 there were 3 030 call signs registered in Club Log and 23 298 182 log entries available for analysis, but some continents are still under-represented - please help balance the database in order to make reports and statistics more meaningful and representative.

## Special Event Stations

Ireland - St Patrick's Day. The Foyle and District Amateur Radio Club, situated 5 miles south of Derry, has been allocated the call sign GB5SPD to celebrate St Patrick's Day. The call sign will be used over several days, from 15 to 17 March. While most of the contacts will be SSB, it is hoped to use digimodes this year for the first time. A special QSL card has been printed for the occasion and reports from SWLs will be most welcome. More details may be found on the [qrz.com](http://qrz.com) page GB5SPD.

Serbia, YU140. Members of Radio Club "Marica-Zemun" (YU1AVQ) will celebrate the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Voluntary Fire Brigade in the city of Zemun and will be active as YU140Z until 31 May. QSL via YU1AVQ.

Serbia, YU40. Look for the prefixes YU40 and YT40 to be used by members of "YU CW Club" to commemorate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Club News

The Overberg Amateur Radio Club will be holding their AGM at the Hermanus Magnetic Observatory starting at 10:00 CAT on 27 March. Visitors are welcome and the usual braai will be held afterwards.

ZS6PTA Mega Flea market on 27 March 2010. The Pretoria Amateur Radio Club Flea market will be held on Saturday 27 March 2010 from 08:00 to 11:00 CAT at the Pretoria Motor Club in Silverton. For further information or to book a table contact Almero du Pisani on cell number 082 908 3359 or send an email to [almero@up.ac.za](mailto:almero@up.ac.za)

The John Vorster Technological Secondary School Radio Club, ZS6JVT, will have a flea market starting at 08:30 CAT on Saturday 8 May 2010. The Club can be found at 1072 Meyer Street, Rietfontein, Pretoria.

## Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 9 to 18 March 2010.





**CLARA HF Contest**

17:00 UTC, Mar 9 to 17:00 UTC, Mar 10 and  
17:00 UTC, Mar 13 to 17:00 UTC, Mar 14

Mode: CW, Phone

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op

Max operating hours: 24

Exchange: Name, QTH and CLARA member,  
family member or non-member YL/OM

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with CLARA  
member; 2 points per QSO with CLARA fam-  
ily member; 3 points per QSO with non-  
member YL; 1 point per QSO with OM

Multipliers: Each Canadian call area once;  
Each DXCC country (must be YL QSO) once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points x total mults

Submit logs by: 15 April 2010

E-mail logs to:

valyl[at]ns[dot]sympatico[dot]ca

Mail logs to: Helen Archibald, VA1YL, 25 Ca-  
nard Street RR#1, Port Williams, NS V0P  
1T0, Canada

Find rules at:

[http://groups.google.ca/group/clara-  
clarion/web/clara-contest](http://groups.google.ca/group/clara-clarion/web/clara-contest)

**CWops Mini-CWT Test**

11:00 - 12:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 10  
March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 11 March

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40 and 20 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, Low or High

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and Member No;  
non-Member: Name and state, province or  
country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 13 March 2010

E-mail log summary to: kz5d[at]aol[dot]com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.cwops.org/onair.html>

**NCCC Sprint**

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 12 March

Mode: (see rules)

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points x total mults

Submit logs by: 14 March 2010

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

**HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest**

18:30 - 19:00 UTC 12 March (80 m) and  
19:00 - 1930 UTC 12 March (40 m)

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 and 40 m

Classes: Single Op

Exchange: HACWG Members: RST and Mem-  
bership No; non-Members: RST and NM

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points

Submit logs by: 27 March 2010

E-mail logs to: ha3kna[at]tolna[dot]net

Mail logs to: Radio Club, 7100 Szekszard,  
Rakoczi u. 16., Hungary

Find rules at:

[http://radioamator.honlapepites.hu/?PHPSE  
SSID=e57dd37c356355de9489e83e42&p=1  
280](http://radioamator.honlapepites.hu/?PHPSESSID=e57dd37c356355de9489e83e42&p=1280)

**RSGB Commonwealth Contest**

10:00 UTC 13 March to 10:00 UTC 14 March

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Open - 12 or 24; Restricted - 12 or  
24; Multi-Op

Exchange: RST and Serial No





QSO Points: 5 points per QSO; 20 additional points for each of first three QSOs with a Commonwealth Area or HQ station per band  
Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 14 April 2010

Upload log at:

<http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: RSGB-G3UFY, 77 Bensham Manor Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 7AF, England

Find rules at:

<http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2010/rberu.shtml>

#### AGCW QRP Contest

14:00 - 20:00 UTC 13 March

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op Only

Max power: VLP: 1 watt or less; QRP: 5 watts or less; MP: 25 watts or less; QRO: >25 watts

Exchange: RST, QSO No, class (power) and AGCW Member No or "NM" if not member

QSO Points: 0 points/QSO for QRO - QRO; 3 points/QSO for QRP - VLP, VLP - QRP, VLP - VLP, QRP - QRP; 2 points/QSO for all others

Multipliers: 1 per AGCW member per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 March 2010

E-mail logs to: [qrp-test\[at\]agcw\[dot\]de](mailto:qrp-test[at]agcw[dot]de)

Mail logs to: Edmund Ramm, DK3UZ, Anderheitsallee 24, Bramfeld, D-22175 Hamburg Germany

Find rules at:

<http://www.agcw.org/en/?Contests:QRP-Contest>

#### ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint

1500 UTC-18:00 UTC 13 March

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: All Band; Single Band; High Bands; Low Bands

Exchange: RST, grid square and ARCI number or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with ARCI member; 4 points per non-member QSO with different continent; 2 points per non-member QSO with same continent

Bonus points: 5000 for battery power portable with temporary antenna

Multipliers: Grids, once per band

Power Mult: >5 W = x1, 1 - 5 W = x7, 250 mW - 1 W = x10, 55 - 250 mW = x15, <55 mW = x20

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total grid squares x power mult) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 13 April 2010

E-mail logs to: [contest\[at\]qrparci\[dot\]org](mailto:contest[at]qrparci[dot]org)

Mail logs to: ARCI Spring QSO Party; c/o Jeff Hetherington, VA3JFF, 139 Elizabeth St. W., Welland, Ontario L3C 4M3, Canada

Find rules at:

<http://www.qrparci.org/content/view/8346/118/>

#### Feld Hell Sprint

16:00 - 18:00 UTC 13 March

Mode: Feld Hell

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: (see rules)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province and country once only

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 1 April 2010

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests>



**EA PSK31 Contest**

16:00 UTC 13 March to 16:00 UTC 14 March

Mode: PSK31

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op

Exchange: EA: RST and province code; non-EA: RST and Serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same continent on 20 - 10 m; 2 points per QSO with different continent on 20 - 10 m; 3 points per QSO with same continent on 80 - 40 m; 6 points per QSO with different continent on 80 - 40 m

Multipliers: Once each band (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 March 2010

E-mail logs to: psk31[at]jure[dot]es

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.ure.es/contest/428-ea-psk31-contest-english-version.html>

**Elecraft QSO Party**

18:00 UTC 13 March to 18:00 UTC 14 March

Mode: CW, SSB, Digital

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: Elecraft Users: RS(T), state, province or country and rig ID (see rules); non-Users: RS(T), state, province or country and power

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with Elecraft user; 3 points per QSO with non-user

Multipliers: Each US state, province, country once per band per mode

Power mult: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x power mult

Submit logs by: 10 April 2010

E-mail logs to: EQP2010[at]elecraft[dot]com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[http://www.elecraft.com/Awards/eqp\\_2010.htm](http://www.elecraft.com/Awards/eqp_2010.htm)

**SOC Marathon Sprint**

18:00 UTC-2400 UTC 13 March

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Member: RST, state, province or country and SOC No; non-Member: RST, state, province or country and power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with member; 4 points per QSO with non-member, different continent; 2 points per QSO with non-member, same continent

Multipliers: Each state, province, country once per band

Power mult: 0-250mW x15, 250mW-1W x10, 1-5W x7, >5W x1

Key mult: x1.5 for use of homebrew paddle

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x power mult x key mult

Submit logs by: 12 April 2010

E-mail logs to: n4bp[at]bellsouth[dot]net

Mail logs to: Bob Patten, N4BP, 2841 N.W. 112 Terrace, Plantation, FL 33323, USA

Find rules at:

<http://www.qsl.net/soc/090314.htm>

**Idaho QSO Party**

19:00 UTC 13 March to 19:00 UTC 14 March

Mode: CW, Phone, Digital

Bands: All, except WARC

Classes: Single Op - CW, Phone, Digital or Mixed - QRP, Low or High; Multi-Single - CW, Phone, Digital or Mixed - QRP, Low or High; Multi-Multi - CW, Phone, Digital or Mixed - QRP, Low or High; Mobile/Rover - CW, Phone, Digital or Mixed - QRP, Low or High; School - CW, Phone, Digital or Mixed - QRP, Low or High

Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: ID: RS(T) and County; non-ID: RS(T) and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per mode per band

QSO Points: 1 point per SSB QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO





Multipliers: ID: Each state, province and country once per mode; non-ID: Each ID county once per mode  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 13 April 2010  
E-mail logs to: [ldqlogs\[at\]msn\[dot\]com](mailto:ldqlogs[at]msn[dot]com)  
Mail logs to: Edward Campbell, NX7TT, 157 N 3300 E, Rigby, ID 83442, USA  
Find rules at:  
[http://www.nx7tt.com/main\\_page\\_link/rules.htm](http://www.nx7tt.com/main_page_link/rules.htm)

North American RTTY Sprint  
00:00 - 04:00 UTC 14 March  
Mode: RTTY  
Bands: 80, 40, 20m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, Low or High  
Max operating hours: 4 hours  
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no, your name and your state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station  
Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7) once; Each VE province once; Each North American country (except W/VE) once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 20 March 2010  
E-mail logs to: (see rules, web upload preferred)  
Upload log at:  
<http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintlogsubmit.php>  
Mail logs to: Ed Muns, WOYK, PO Box 1877, Los Gatos, CA 95031-1877, USA  
Find rules at:  
<http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintrules.php>

SKCC Weekend Sprint  
00:00 - 24:00 UTC 14 March  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 m  
Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST, name, state, province or country and SKCC No or "NONE"  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Bonus Points: (see rules)  
Multipliers: Each state, province or country once  
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points  
Submit logs by: 19 March 2010  
Post log summary at:  
<http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/wes/wes-submit.html>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
<http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/wes/>

UBA Spring 6 m Contest  
07:00 - 11:00 UTC 14 March  
Mode: CW, Phone  
Bands: 6 m Only  
Classes: Single; SWL  
Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: ON: RS(T), serial no and UBA Section; non-ON: RS(T) and serial no  
QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with Belgian station  
Multipliers: Each UBA Section  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 4 April 2010  
E-mail logs to: [ubaspring\[at\]uba\[dot\]be](mailto:ubaspring[at]uba[dot]be)  
Mail logs to: Michel Gerits, ON4CAQ, Momestraat 69, B-3550 Heusden Zolder, Belgium  
Find rules at:  
[http://www.uba.be/sites/default/files/uploads/hf\\_contests/uba\\_spring\\_en.pdf](http://www.uba.be/sites/default/files/uploads/hf_contests/uba_spring_en.pdf)

NSARA Contest  
11:00 - 15:00 UTC and 17:00 - 21:00 UTC 14 March  
Mode: CW, Phone  
Bands: 80 m Only  
Classes: Single Transmitter  
Exchange: Nova Scotia: RS(T) and county; non-NS: RS(T)  
Work stations: Once per mode







QSO Points: 1 point per Phone QSO; 2 points per CW QSO

Multipliers: Nova Scotia counties once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 14 April 2010

E-mail logs to: [ve1pjs@rac.ca](mailto:ve1pjs@rac.ca)

Mail logs to: Peter J. Surette, VE1JPS, 55 Edgewood Drive, Turo, Nova Scotia B2N 1P1, Canada

Find rules at:

<http://nsara.ve1cfy.net/nsaracst.htm>

Wisconsin QSO Party

18:00 UTC 14 March to 01:00 UTC 15 March

Mode: CW, Phone

Bands: All, except WARC

Classes: Single Op - Fixed, Mobile or Tech - QRP, Low or High; Multi-Op - Fixed, Mobile or Tech - QRP, Low or High; M/M - Fixed or Mobile - QRP, Low or High; Beginner - QRP, Low or High

Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: WI: county; non-WI: state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per Phone QSO; 2 points per CW QSO

Bonus Points: 500 points for mobiles for each county from which you make at least 12 QSOs

Multipliers: WI Stations: WI counties, states, provinces once; Non-WI Stations: WI counties once

Power mults: HP x 1.0, LP x 1.5, QRP x 2.0

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x power mult x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 14 April 2010

E-mail logs to: [k9kr@tds.net](mailto:k9kr@tds.net)

Mail logs to: Wisconsin QSO Party, West Allis Radio Amateur Club, PO Box 1072, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA

Find rules at:

[http://www.warac.org/wqp/2010/wiqp\\_rules.htm](http://www.warac.org/wqp/2010/wiqp_rules.htm)

Bucharest Contest

16:00 - 17:29 UTC and 17:30 - 18:59 UTC 15 March

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op QRP; Single Low Power (LPI); Multi-Op (LPC); SWL

Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: YO3: RS(T), QSO No and Sector; non-YO: RS(T), QSO No and "AA"

Work stations: Once per mode

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO: YO3 - YO3 or YO - YO/AA; 4 points per QSO: YO3 - YO/AA

Multipliers: Each YO area once per contest segment; Each YO3 sector; Each AA once

Score Calculation: Total score = total score of each segment (total QSO points x total mults)

Submit logs by: 25 March 2010

E-mail logs to: [feny03jw@yahoo.com](mailto:feny03jw@yahoo.com)

Mail logs to: Bucharest Contest, Fenyó Stefan Pit, CP 19-43, 033210 Bucuresti 19, Romania

Find rules at:

<http://www.bucuresti.110mb.com/Regulament%20Bucuresti%20engleza.pdf>

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint

00:30 - 02:30 UTC 18 March

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40 and 20 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC No or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member

Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once

Key Type Mult: 2x if straight key, 1.5x if bug, 1x if other

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 21 March 2010

E-mail logs to:

[naqcc33@windstream.net](mailto:naqcc33@windstream.net)

Post log summary at:





[http://home.windstream.net/yoel/sprint\\_submit\\_log.html](http://home.windstream.net/yoel/sprint_submit_log.html)  
Mail logs to: John Shannon, K3WWP 478 E.  
High St. Kittanning, PA 16201 USA

Find rules at:  
<http://home.windstream.net/yoel/sprint201003.html>

### *Next Week's Contests*

SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest, 16:00 UTC 19 March to 12:59 UTC 20 March and 13:00 UTC 20 March to 12:00 UTC 21 March  
The SARL VHF/UHF Analogue, 10:00 UTC 20 March to 10:00 UTC 21 March

### *This week in History*

1843 US Congress appropriates \$30,000 "to test the practicability of establishing a system of electro-magnetic telegraphs" by the US  
1876 Bell - First phone message "Mr Watson come here, I want you."  
1886 first US alternating current power plant starts, Great Barrington MA  
1896 first automobile in Detroit MI, Charles B King rides his "Horseless Carriage"  
1899 "Aspirin" patented by Felix Hoffmann  
1907 first radio broadcast of a musical composition aired  
1910 Wireless Institute of Australia founded; world's first Amateur Radio society.  
1917 Members of first Anzac Wireless Signal Squadron occupy Baghdad.

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